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SUBJECT: COUP D'ETAT IN SEYCHELLES: SITREP 2 (1115 LOCAL)

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1. RADIO BULLETIN AT 1015 SAID ORANIZERS OF COUP HAVE INVITED
PRIME MINISTER RENE TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT. IN REPLY RENE WAS SAID
TO HAVE ASKED TO BE GIVEN TIME TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL AND CONSULT
WIN MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY. AT 1104 ANOTHER BULLETIN SAID RENE
HAS AGREED TO FORM GOVERNMENT IF FOLLOWING FOUR CONDITIONS ARE MET:

- A) ALL MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THEIR
FAMILIES ARE GIVEN FULL PROTECTION.

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- B) ALL AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY ENTERED INTO BY "LATE GOVERNMENT"
WITH FOREIGN POWERS TO BE RESPECTED.

- C) THAT COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO ORGANIZE NEW ELECTIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTION.

- D) THAT ALL SEYCHELLES LAWS BE RESPECTED

ACCORDING ANNOUNCEMENT, COUP ORGANIZERS CONSIDERING RENE'S
CONDITIONS.

2. ACCORDING INFORMATION OBTAINED BY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER PUGH, CHIEF JUSTICE QUINN TAKEN BY FORCE TO CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PRESUMEBLY TO SANCTIFY TAKEOVER.

3. CALM CONDITIONS APPARENTLY CONTINUE TO PREVAIL IN VICTORIA WITH CIVILIANS ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLES CONTROLLING POLICE STATIONS AND MAJOR INSTALLATIONS.

4. ACCORDING INFORMATION REACHING PUGH, FOUR BRITISH POLICE OFFICIALS CURRENTLY HELD AT CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS ARE UNHARMED AND WILL BE "RELEASED IN DUE COURSE".

5. IN RESPONSE MY INQUIRY, AM INFORMED BY OFFICIAL AT CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS (WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED) THAT NO AMCITS HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND ASSURED ME NONE WOULD BE.

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